

Happy Birthday!

James Brown 6-27



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

*Please turn in funeral dinner money to Judy McDaniel.

Today- Ladies Day planning meeting at 4pm

June 26-July 1: Gospel Meeting at Double Springs church of Christ at 7pm with Dale Jenkins speaking.

July 17-22: JSCYC

August 13: Ladies Day with Emily Hatfield. Meeting TODAY at 4pm for those wishing to help plan.

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

November 18-20: Fall family retreat in Smithville, Tn. Please sign up in the back if you plan on going.

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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“How Consumer Christianity Abandoned the Gospel”

By Jack Wilkie of Focus Press

Consumer Christianity is evolving and expanding its reach. As it does, compromise comes along with it every step of the way.

It started simply with worship.

Tent revivals bled into Sunday morning and suddenly everything was designed around providing an experience that visitors would like. Shorter sermons, fewer songs, more basic content... just make sure they want to come back.

And it worked! Who can argue with the numbers?

Then it took over whole churches with the seeker-sensitive, attractional model.

Give the people what they want. Figure out how to turn them into dedicated customers rather than dedicated disciples. Build your church around programs and tell people what *we* can do for *you*. Make sure they really like us when they come in the building.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: “The Lord’s Word” on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday

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Now it's reached the Gospel itself.

“Don’t discuss certain sins or take strong stands – that’s off-putting to the world!” That evolves into “Don’t expect Christians to pursue a higher standard of holiness.” If we preach on challenging topics like the Biblical design of men and women, modesty, politics, and such, people might leave. And we can’t afford to have people leave. So just stay away, tell people to generically “love God and love others” without getting into specifics, and hope they’ll get the idea.

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Here’s the problem – Jesus doesn’t care about numbers. He cares about faithfulness. He doesn’t pander to consumers – He calls only those who will take up a cross and follow (Luke 9:23).

We have to rediscover worship as God’s regular table fellowship with His family. Consumer Christianity totally misses the point of worship, and in order to stop this cycle we have to get back to understanding worship the right way. Stop building it around what will be most palatable to the carnally-minded and start giving God the attention and praise He is due.

We have to give up the consumerist approach to church. We preach the Gospel to people. We aim to convert them to Jesus and the abundant life He offers. That is a wholly different idea than trying to convert them to liking what we as an organization have to offer.

And, we have to grow the backbone to ditch the soft-pedaled Gospel and start tearing down strongholds. God’s Word meets people where they live. It is not some ivory tower, philosophical truth we assert that does not mix with the nitty-gritty of daily life. It meets us where we live. It meets us right where we most don’t want to submit, and when it does so it offends us. But the Gospel can’t save if it doesn’t offend, because then people will never know they are lost and in desperate need of a Savior.

We have the best news in all the world. We had better start believing it.
<https://www.focuspress.org/2022/06/17/how-consumer-christianity-abandoned-the-gospel/>

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

- Bethesada:** Grace Sloan
- Cedar Hill Senior Living:** Jean Haney
- Mabry:** Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, **Fred Heady,** **Ray Pippin, Thurell Flatt**
- Hartsville Rehab:** Sherry Arms
- NHC:** Paul Pippin, **Connie Ballard**
- CRMC Rehab:** Dorman Laycox
- Michigan:** Linda Lee Spivey
- Vanderbilt:** Denise Griffin

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
Prayer List:**

- Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Carrol (Stick) Hensley, Debbie Allen, Halie Beason Flatt cousin of Marcia Mitchell, Hillary Broome, Isabel Bray great niece of Royce Jeanie Thomas, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lena Smith daughter of Ben, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Nick Taylor co worker of Ambre Pauline Mocerri, Peggy Anderson, Raymond Haney, Roger Dailey bro. of Bonnie J , Sandy Haney, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix, Perry Hamilton, Teresa Goolsby
- *BATTLING CANCER***
- Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Carl Call Sr., Debbie Meadows, Frances Luck, Jerry Wilson, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Nathan West brother of Ella Martin, Peggy Carr friend of Barbara Stafford, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian & Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve July 3, 2022

- Ushers Greg Scott
- Chick Ransom
- Announcements Ben Gentry
- Song Leader Titus Anderson
- Scripture Reading Ben Gentry
- Speaker John Mabery
- Opening Prayer Roy Smallwood
- Closing Prayer Roy Young
- Oversee Lord’s Supper.. Mike Martin
- Prepare Trays
- Scripture Reading..... Burton Young
- Serve Mike Birdwell
- Brian Trisdale
- Trent Jones
- Harry Young
- Ronnie Martin
- Chris Fox
- Alternate to Serve Sjon Gentry
- Jackson Conner
- Dismiss Classes Roy Young
- Count Contribution Tim Mitchell
- Donnie Mayberry
- Jimmy Strong
- Jacob Martin
- Response Card Roy Young
- PowerPoint..... Kevin Moss
- Live Stream..... Brian Trisdale
- Adult Bible Class..... John Mabery

Sunday Evening July 3, 2022

- Speaker Ronald Strong
- Scripture Reading Roy Smallwood
- Song Leader Roger Anderson
- Opening Prayer Jimmy Strong
- Closing Prayer Randy Duke
- PowerPoint..... Jonathan Conner

Wednesday Evening July 6, 2022

- Song Leader Jonathan Conner
- Devotional Sjon Gentry
- Opening Prayer Mike Martin
- Closing Prayer Titus Anderson
- Adult Bible Study..... Ronald Strong
- Powerpoint..... Blake Maberry

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